The DoD Sustainable Ranges Initiative Tools to Sustain the Mission

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Range Sustainment Outreach

Recognizing the ~~Problem~~

Encroachment "is a problem that is real, it is serious. The United States needs bases, it needs ranges, it needs test ranges. And it cannot provide the training and testing that people need before they go into battle unless those kinds of facilities are available."

"Each year that goes by, there are greater and greater pressures on them."

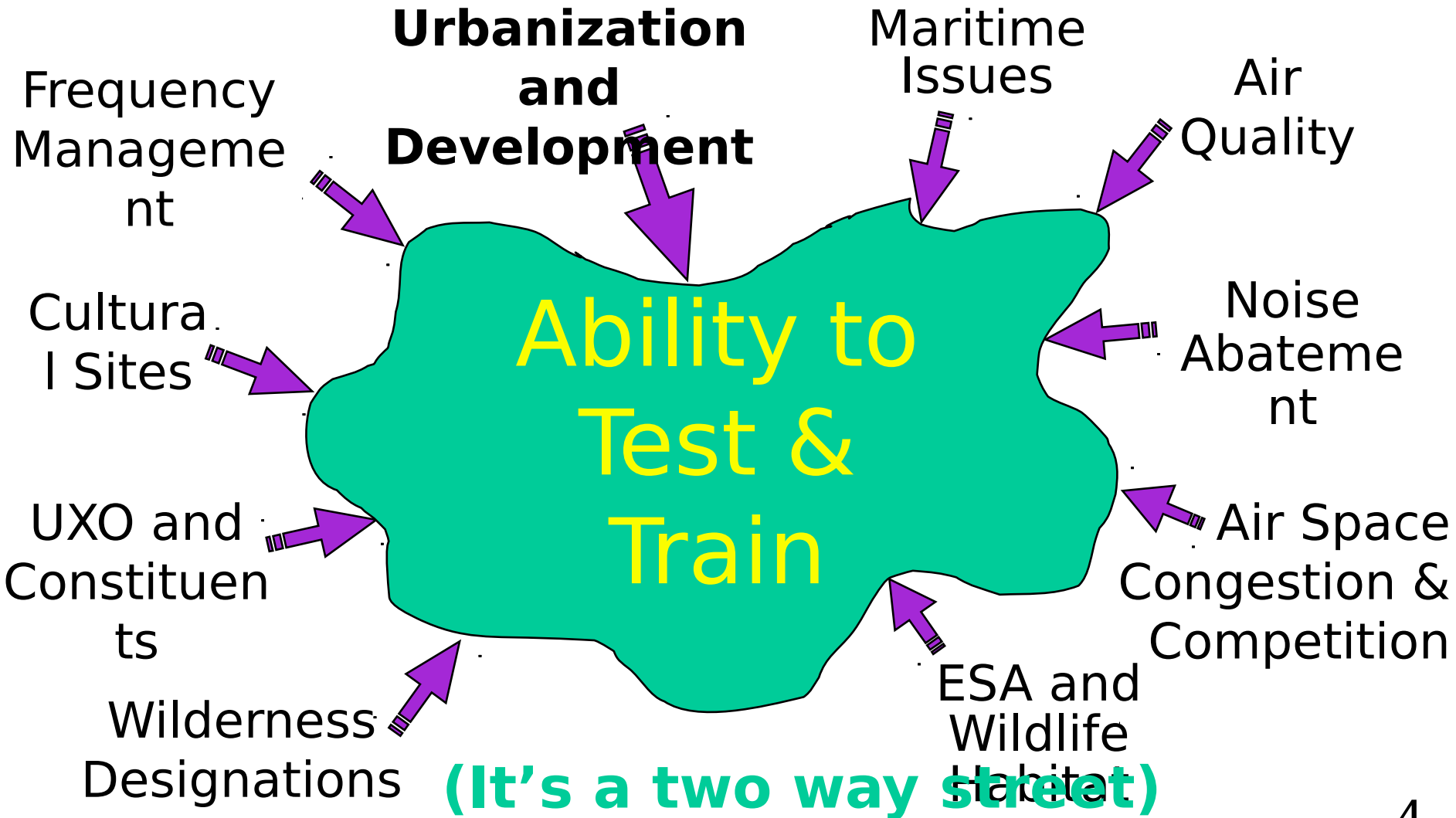
Testimony to the Senate Armed Services Committee, January 11, 2001

TRAINING AND TESTING ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

- Realistic training requires realistic training environments
- The ability to field and use advanced military technology is fundamental to U.S. warfare
- Our weapons and tactics require increasingly large battlespaces
- Readiness is perishable – Skills must be maintained through regular training
- Live Fire is Fundamental to

We must train as we fight; because we fight as we train

Encroachment Pressures



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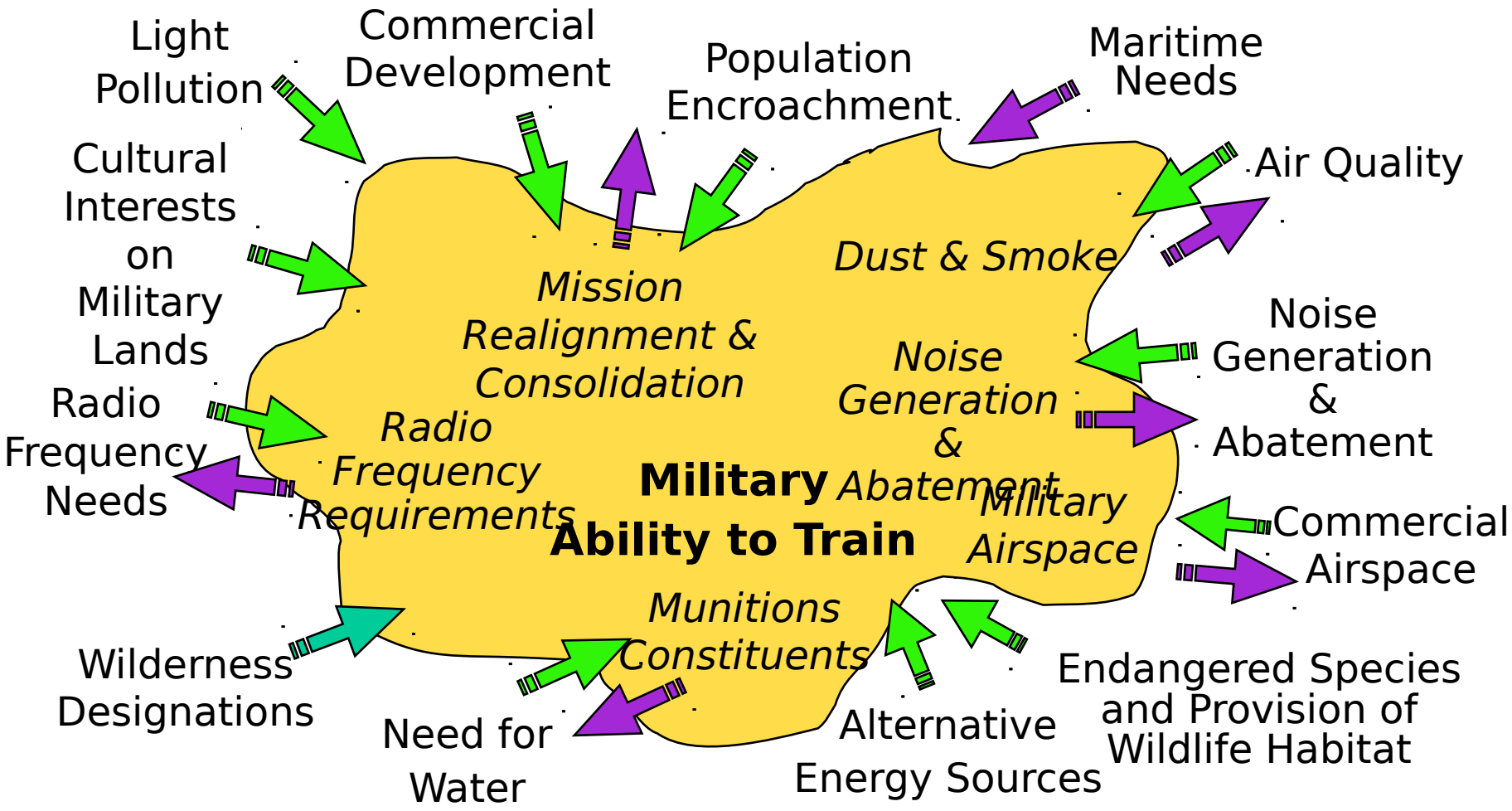
Work Both Ways



Reduced Flexibility for the Military and the Com

Linking Landscapes, Linking Missions

- Linking efforts with other stakeholders and federal agencies
- Supporting community-driven planning and compatible land use (JLUS, primers, training)
- Sharing GIS and decision-support information
- Participating in regional broad-based conservation efforts (SERPPAS)
- Working with interested parties to protect landscapes and working lands

More Effective Regional, State, and Local Collaboration and Planning